

Mr. Gough reported a bill, entitled, an act relating to the Alms House of Harford county.

Mr. Primrose reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to authorise the Trustees of the Poor of Kent county, to purchase a farm or tract of land for the use of the poor, and to sell the present Alms House of said county, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1825, chapter 191.

Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Maranda Hyatt, of Montgomery county, from her husband, Lloyd Hyatt.

Also, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Mildred B. Webster, of Prince George's county, from her husband Zachariah Webster,

Which said bills were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Hearn, entitled, an act relating to constables fees, in Worcester county, and for other purposes, was taken up consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the orders of the day, the house proceeded to consider the first order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Burchenal, entitled, an act to extend real estate;

On motion of Mr. Burchenal, said bill was amended, by inserting after the word "bidder," in the third section, eighth line, the following;

Provided, always that it shall be and is hereby made, the privilege of the defendant, to instruct the said officer, first to offer either the goods and chattles or the real estate, at the option of the defendant, which shall be given in writing and tested by one or more witnessess—which shall be returned by the officer and filed with the writ, and be made a part of the return.

On motion of Mr. Duckett, said section was further amended, by striking out in the 14th line thereof, these words, "the said sheriff, coroner constable or other officer, to whom such writ shall be directed," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "you;"

On motion of Mr. Burchenal, said bill was amended, by adding at the end of the fourth section thereof, the following "and in all cases, shall have full right and privilege to seed in due, time preceeding the expiration of the time for which any farm or lots may have been extended, according to the provisions of this act;"